

# REPORT

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**TO:** Regional Council and Administration Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Fulbright & Jaworski Contract

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:**

*Mark Peters*

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize amendment to the Fulbright & Jaworski contract to provide for continuing legal services for Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

## BACKGROUND:

The Regional Council previously authorized the retention of Fulbright & Jaworski and in particular, Colin Lennard to serve as the General Counsel. Mr. Lennard has served as SCAG's General Counsel for over twenty years. Under the terms of the existing contract, Mr. Lennard provides legal services as requested by the Regional Council, Executive Director and the Chief Counsel. All legal services performed by the Fulbright & Jaworski firm are billed at the blended rate of \$255 an hour. Under the proposed amendment to the contract the hourly rate and scope of services would remain unchanged. The maximum amount payable under the contract would be \$200,000.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Funds for legal services have been budgeted for Fiscal Year 05-06

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